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At your request, I attended the Nuclear Waste Transport Working Group on June 6, 2008. The working members of this group are:

Barbara Byron and Kevin Bell - California Energy Commission

Gary Butner and Robert Greger -- California Department of Health Services, Radiologic Health Branch

Doug Mason and Rudy Chavez -- California Department of Transportation

Adam Palmer -- California Environmental Protection Agency

Larry Kirsch -- California Fish and Game, Office of Spill and Prevention Response

Jim Epperson -- California Highway Patrol

Ben Tong, Bill Potter, and Ken Peel -- OES Radiological Preparedness Unit

Joe Farley and myself - CPUC.

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Not all members were present at this meeting

The purpose of the meeting on June 6th was to discuss California's representation in the comments on the federal DOE's Yucca Mountain Repository Transportation Impacts before the NRC. Specifically, with respect to spent fuel transportation and ground water impacts. We were requested to provide to Barbara and Susan Durbin (CA Attorney General's (AG) Office) with any information we may have as an agency/mission that concerned the transportation of Hazardous Materials within the State. State Super Sites was also mentioned. Since Susan had already met with George, Paul, and Rich on June 2, 2008, I commented that they would be the best sources of information from the Commission.

Gary Butner stated that the Department of Health Services' main concern was the lack of properly trained emergency response personnel along the proposed rail routes.

I stated that since the late 1960's the U.S. Navy has been shipping Spent Nuclear fuel by rail. To the best of my knowledge there has never been an incident or a release of nuclear contamination. Ben Tong affirmed this.

The meeting was adjourned with a request that all agency's /commission's hurry since the AG only had 30 to 40 days to enter any comments to the NRC.

The Agenda was as follows:

1. Overview of the Proposed Yucca Mountain High-Level Waste Repository
2. California Agencies' roles and issues
3. Request for Documents Regarding Potential Impacts in California
4. Q & A
5. Conclusion

The meeting lasted 1 1/2 hours due to the late arrival of six AG Lawyers.

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